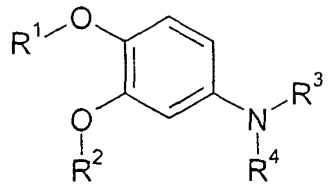
Claims:

1. A compound according to Formula I:



wherein

R^1 is H;

R^2 is alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, cyano, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, oxo or combinations thereof, and wherein optionally one or more $-CH_2CH_2-$ groups is replaced in each case by -CH=CH- or -C≡C-,

cycloalkyl having 3 to 10 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, oxo, cyano, alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or combinations thereof,

cycloalkylalkyl having 4 to 16 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted or substituted in the cycloalkyl portion and/or the alkyl portion one or more times by halogen, oxo, cyano, hydroxy, C_{1-4}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxy or combinations thereof,

aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, CF_3, OCF_3, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, cyano, or combinations thereof,

arylalkyl in which the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, which the arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or is substituted in the aryl portion one or more times by halogen, CF_3, OCF_3, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, or combinations thereof, and wherein in the alkyl portion one or more $-CH_2CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -CH=CH- or -C≡C-, and one or more $-CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -O- or -NH- and/or the alkyl portion is optionally substituted by halogen, oxo, hydroxy, cyano, or combinations thereof,

a partially unsaturated carbocyclic group having 5 to 14 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, hydroxy, nitro, cyano, oxo, or combinations thereof,

a heterocyclic group, which is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, having 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, aryl, alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, nitro, oxo, or combinations thereof, or

a heterocycle-alkyl group, wherein the heterocyclic portion is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, and has 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, and the alkyl portion is branched or unbranched and has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the heterocycle-alkyl group is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times in the heterocyclic portion by halogen, OCF_3, hydroxy, aryl, alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, nitro, oxo, or combinations thereof, wherein in the

alkyl portion one or more -CH_2CH_2- groups are each optionally replaced by -CH=CH- or -C≡C-, and one or more -CH_2- groups are each optionally replaced by -O- or -NH- and/or the alkyl portion is optionally substituted by halogen, oxo, hydroxy, cyano, or combinations thereof;

R^3 is H,

alkyl having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times with halogen, cyano, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, or combinations thereof,

a partially unsaturated carbocycle-alkyl group wherein the carbocyclic portion has 5 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion which is branched or unbranched has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, and which is unsubstituted or substituted in the carbocyclic portion one or more times by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, oxo, or combinations thereof, and the alkyl portion is optionally substituted by halogen, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, cyano or combinations thereof,

arylalkyl having 7 to 19 carbon atoms, wherein the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or substituted, in the aryl portion, one or more times by halogen, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, dialkylamino and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl, or

heteroarylalkyl group, wherein the heteroaryl portion may be partially or fully saturated and has 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the heteroarylalkyl group is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times in the heteroaryl portion by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, oxo, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, or combinations thereof and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl or combinations thereof;

R^4 is H,

cycloalkyl having 3 to 10, preferably 3 to 8 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, oxo, cyano, alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or combinations thereof,

aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, OCF_3, amino, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy, dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxamic acid, pyrrolyl, tetrazole-5-yl, 2(-heterocycle)tetrazole-5-yl tetrazole-5-yl), hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, phenoxy, trialkylsilyloxy, R^5-L-, or combinations thereof, or

heteroaryl having 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a heteroatom, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl,

hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy, dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, phenoxy, trialkylsilyloxy, R^5-L-, or combinations thereof;

R^5 is H,

alkyl having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times with halogen, C_1-$_4$-alkyl, C_1-$_4$-alkoxy, oxo, or combinations thereof,

alkylamino or dialkylamino wherein each alkyl portion has independently 1 to 8 carbon atoms,

a partially unsaturated carbocycle-alkyl group wherein the carbocyclic portion has 5 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted, preferably in the carbocyclic portion, one or more times by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, oxo, or combinations thereof,

cycloalkyl having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, oxo, cyano, alkoxy, alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or combinations thereof,

cycloalkylalkyl having 4 to 16 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted in the cycloalkyl portion and/or the alkyl portion one or more times by halogen, oxo, cyano, hydroxy, alkyl, alkoxy or combinations thereof,

aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy, dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, ,

arylalkyl having 7 to 19 carbon atoms, wherein the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or substituted, in the aryl portion, one or more times by halogen, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl,

a heterocyclic group, which is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, having 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy, dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, phenoxy, or combinations thereof, or

a heterocycle-alkyl group, wherein the heterocyclic portion is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, and has 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, and the alkyl portion which is branched or unbranched and

has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the heterocycle-alkyl group is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times in the heterocyclic portion by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, oxo, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, or combinations thereof and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl or combinations thereof;

L is a single bond or a divalent aliphatic radical having 1 to 8 carbon atoms wherein one or more $-CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -O-, -S-, $-NR^6-$, $-SO_2NH-$, $-NHSO_2-$, $-SO_2NR^6-$, $-NR^6SO_2-$, -CO-, $-NR^6CO-$, $-CONR^6-$, -NHCONH-, -OCONH, -NHCOO-, -SCONH-, -SCSNH-, or -NHCSNH-; and

R^6 is H,

alkyl having 1 to 8, preferably 1 to 4 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times with halogen, C_{1-4}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, oxo, or combinations thereof;

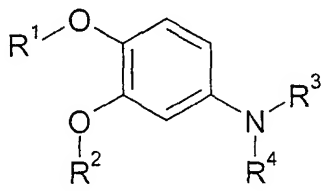
arylalkyl having 7 to 19 carbon atoms, wherein the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or substituted, in the aryl portion, one or more times by halogen, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, dialkylamino and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl;

aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl (eg., hydroxymethyl), hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl,

wherein at least one of R^3 and R^4 is other than H; and

pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

2. A compound according to Formula I:



wherein

R^1 is H or alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen;

R^2 is alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, cyano, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, oxo or combinations thereof, and wherein optionally one or more $-CH_2CH_2-$ groups is replaced in each case by -CH=CH- or -C≡C-,

cycloalkyl having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, oxo, cyano, alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or combinations thereof,

cycloalkylalkyl having 4 to 16 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted in the cycloalkyl portion and/or the alkyl portion one or more times by halogen, oxo, cyano, hydroxy, C_{1-4}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxy or combinations thereof,

aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, CF_3, OCF_3, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, cyano, or combinations thereof,

arylalkyl in which the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, which the arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or is substituted in the aryl portion one or more times by halogen, CF_3, OCF_3, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, or combinations thereof, and wherein in the alkyl portion one or more $-CH_2CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -CH=CH- or -C≡C-, and one or more $-CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -O- or -NH- and/or the alkyl portion is optionally substituted by halogen, oxo, hydroxy, cyano, or combinations thereof,

a partially unsaturated carbocyclic group having 5 to 14 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, hydroxy, nitro, cyano, oxo, or combinations thereof,

a heterocyclic group, which is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, having 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, aryl, alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, nitro, oxo, or combinations thereof, or

a heterocycle-alkyl group, wherein the heterocyclic portion is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, and has 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, and the alkyl portion is branched or unbranched and has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the heterocycle-alkyl group is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times in the heterocyclic portion by halogen, OCF_3, hydroxy, aryl, alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, nitro, oxo, or combinations thereof, wherein in the alkyl portion one or more $-CH_2CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -CH=CH- or -C≡C-, and one or more $-CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -O- or -NH- and/or the alkyl portion is optionally substituted by halogen, oxo, hydroxy, cyano, or combinations thereof;

R^3 is H,

alkyl having 1 to 8, preferably 1 to 4 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times with halogen, cyano, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, or combinations thereof,

a partially unsaturated carbocycle-alkyl group wherein the carbocyclic portion has 5 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion which is branched or unbranched has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, and which is unsubstituted or substituted in the carbocyclic

portion one or more times by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, oxo, or combinations thereof, and the alkyl portion is optionally substituted by halogen, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, cyano or combinations thereof,

arylalkyl having 7 to 19 carbon atoms, wherein the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or substituted, in the aryl portion, one or more times by halogen, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, dialkylamino and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl, or

heteroarylalkyl group, wherein the heteroaryl portion may be partially or fully saturated and has 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the heteroarylalkyl group is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times in the heteroaryl portion by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, oxo, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, or combinations thereof and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl or combinations thereof;

R^4 is cycloalkyl having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, oxo, cyano, alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or combinations thereof,

R^5 is H,

alkyl having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times with halogen, C_{1-4}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, oxo, or combinations thereof,

alkylamino or dialkylamino wherein each alkyl portion has independently 1 to 8 carbon atoms,

a partially unsaturated carbocycle-alkyl group wherein the carbocyclic portion has 5 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted, preferably in the carbocyclic portion, one or more times by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, oxo, or combinations thereof,

cycloalkyl having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, oxo, cyano, alkoxy, alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or combinations thereof,

cycloalkylalkyl having 4 to 16 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted in the cycloalkyl portion and/or the alkyl portion one or more times by halogen, oxo, cyano, hydroxy, alkyl, alkoxy or combinations thereof,

aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy, dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl,

arylalkyl having 7 to 19 carbon atoms, wherein the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or substituted, in the aryl portion, one or more times by halogen, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl,

a heterocyclic group, which is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, having 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy, dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, phenoxy, or combinations thereof, or

a heterocycle-alkyl group, wherein the heterocyclic portion is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, and has 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, and the alkyl portion which is branched or unbranched and has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the heterocycle-alkyl group is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times in the heterocyclic portion by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, oxo, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, or combinations thereof and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl or combinations thereof;

L is a single bond or a divalent aliphatic radical having 1 to 8 carbon atoms wherein one or more $-CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -O-, -S-, $-NR^6-$, $-SO_2NH-$, $-NHSO_2-$, $-SO_2NR^6-$, $-NR^6SO_2-$, -CO-, $-NR^6CO-$, $-CONR^6-$, -NHCONH-, -OCONH, -NHCOO-, -SCONH-, -SCSNH-, or -NHCSNH-; and

R^6 is H,

alkyl having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times with halogen, C_{1-4}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, oxo, or combinations thereof;

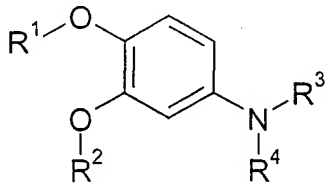
arylalkyl having 7 to 19 carbon atoms, wherein the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or substituted, in the aryl portion, one or more times by halogen, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, dialkylamino and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl;

aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl (eg., hydroxymethyl), hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl,

wherein at least one of R^3 and R^4 is other than H; and

pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

3. A compound according to Formula I:



wherein

R^1 is H or alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen;

R^2 is alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, cyano, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, oxo or combinations thereof, and wherein optionally one or more $-CH_2CH_2-$ groups is replaced in each case by -CH=CH- or -C≡C-,

cycloalkyl having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, oxo, cyano, alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or combinations thereof,

cycloalkylalkyl having 4 to 16 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted in the cycloalkyl portion and/or the alkyl portion one or more times by halogen, oxo, cyano, hydroxy, C_{1-4}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxy or combinations thereof,

aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, CF_3, OCF_3, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, cyano, or combinations thereof,

arylalkyl in which the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, which the arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or is substituted in the aryl portion one or more times by halogen, CF_3, OCF_3, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, or combinations thereof, and wherein in the alkyl portion one or more $-CH_2CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -CH=CH- or -C≡C-, and one or more $-CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -O- or -NH- and/or the alkyl portion is optionally substituted by halogen, oxo, hydroxy, cyano, or combinations thereof,

a partially unsaturated carbocyclic group having 5 to 14 carbon atoms,

which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, hydroxy, nitro, cyano, oxo, or combinations thereof,

a heterocyclic group, which is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, having 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, aryl, alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, nitro, oxo, or combinations thereof, or

a heterocycle-alkyl group, wherein the heterocyclic portion is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, and has 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, and the alkyl portion is branched or unbranched and has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the heterocycle-alkyl group is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times in the heterocyclic portion by halogen, OCF_3, hydroxy, aryl, alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, nitro, oxo, or combinations thereof, wherein in the alkyl portion one or more $-CH_2CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -CH=CH- or -C≡C-, and one or more $-CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -O- or -NH- and/or the alkyl portion is optionally substituted by halogen, oxo, hydroxy, cyano, or combinations thereof;

R^3 is H,

alkyl having 1 to 8, preferably 1 to 4 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times with halogen, cyano, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, or combinations thereof,

a partially unsaturated carbocycle-alkyl group wherein the carbocyclic portion has 5 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion which is branched or unbranched has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, and which is unsubstituted or substituted in the carbocyclic portion one or more times by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, oxo, or combinations thereof, and the alkyl portion is optionally substituted by halogen, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, cyano or combinations thereof,

arylalkyl having 7 to 19 carbon atoms, wherein the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or substituted, in the aryl portion, one or more times by halogen, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, dialkylamino and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl, or

heteroarylalkyl group, wherein the heteroaryl portion may be partially or fully saturated and has 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the heteroarylalkyl group is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times in the heteroaryl portion by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, oxo, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, or combinations thereof and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl or combinations thereof;

R^4 is

aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, OCF_3, amino, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy, dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl (eg., hydroxymethyl), hydroxamic acid, pyrrolyl, tetrazole-5-yl, 2(-heterocycle)tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, phenoxy, trialkylsilyloxy, R^5-L-, or combinations thereof, or

heteroaryl having 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a heteroatom, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy, dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, phenoxy, trialkylsilyloxy, R^5-L-, or combinations thereof;

R^5 is H,

alkyl having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times with halogen, C_{1-4}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, oxo, or combinations thereof,

alkylamino or dialkylamino wherein each alkyl portion has independently 1 to 8 carbon atoms,

a partially unsaturated carbocycle-alkyl group wherein the carbocyclic portion has 5 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted, preferably in the carbocyclic portion, one or more times by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, oxo, or combinations thereof,

cycloalkyl having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, oxo, cyano, alkoxy, alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or combinations thereof,

cycloalkylalkyl having 4 to 16 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted in the cycloalkyl portion and/or the alkyl portion one or more times by halogen, oxo, cyano, hydroxy, alkyl, alkoxy or combinations thereof,

aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy, dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl,

arylalkyl having 7 to 19 carbon atoms, wherein the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or substituted, in the aryl portion, one or more times by halogen, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl,

a heterocyclic group, which is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, having 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy, dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, phenoxy, or combinations thereof, or

a heterocycle-alkyl group, wherein the heterocyclic portion is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, and has 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, and the alkyl portion which is branched or unbranched and has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the heterocycle-alkyl group is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times in the heterocyclic portion by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, oxo, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, or combinations thereof and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl or combinations thereof;

L is a single bond or a divalent aliphatic radical having 1 to 8 carbon atoms wherein one or more $-CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -O-, -S-, $-NR^6-$, $-SO_2NH-$, $-NHSO_2-$, $-SO_2NR^6-$, $-NR^6SO_2-$, -CO-, $-NR^6CO-$, $-CONR^6-$, -NHCONH-, -OCONH, -NHCOO-, -SCONH-, -SCSNH-, or -NHCSNH-; and

R^6 is H,

alkyl having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times with halogen, C_{1-4}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, oxo, or combinations thereof;

arylalkyl having 7 to 19 carbon atoms, wherein the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or substituted, in the aryl portion, one or more times by halogen, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, amino, alkyl, alkoxy,

alkylamino, dialkylamino and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl;

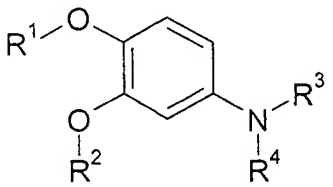
aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl,

wherein at least one of R^3 and R^4 is other than H; and

pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof

with the proviso that R^4 is at least monosubstituted by R^5-L in which L is a single bond or a divalent aliphatic radical having 1 to 8 carbon atoms wherein at least one -CH_2- group is replaced by -SO_2NR^6- or -NR^6SO_2-.

4. A compound according to Formula I:



wherein

R^1 is H or alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen (e.g., CH_3, CHF_2, CF_3, etc.);

R^2 is alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, cyano, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, oxo or combinations thereof, and wherein optionally one or more $-CH_2CH_2-$ groups is replaced in each case by -CH=CH- or -C≡C-,

cycloalkyl having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, oxo, cyano, alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or combinations thereof,

cycloalkylalkyl having 4 to 16 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted in the cycloalkyl portion and/or the alkyl portion one or more times by halogen, oxo, cyano, hydroxy, C_{1-4}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxy or combinations thereof,

aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, CF_3, OCF_3, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, cyano, or combinations thereof,

arylalkyl in which the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, which the arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or is substituted in the aryl portion one or more times by halogen, CF_3, OCF_3, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, or combinations thereof, and wherein in the alkyl portion one or more $-CH_2CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -CH=CH- or -C≡C-, and one or more $-CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -O- or -NH- and/or the

alkyl portion is optionally substituted by halogen, oxo, hydroxy, cyano, or combinations thereof,

a partially unsaturated carbocyclic group having 5 to 14 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, hydroxy, nitro, cyano, oxo, or combinations thereof,

a heterocyclic group, which is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, having 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, aryl, alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, nitro, oxo, or combinations thereof, or

a heterocycle-alkyl group, wherein the heterocyclic portion is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, and has 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, and the alkyl portion is branched or unbranched and has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the heterocycle-alkyl group is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times in the heterocyclic portion by halogen, OCF_3, hydroxy, aryl, alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, nitro, oxo, or combinations thereof, wherein in the alkyl portion one or more $-CH_2CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -CH=CH- or -C≡C-, and one or more $-CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -O- or -NH- and/or the alkyl portion is optionally substituted by halogen, oxo, hydroxy, cyano, or combinations thereof;

R^3 is H,

alkyl having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times with halogen, cyano, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, or combinations thereof,

a partially unsaturated carbocycle-alkyl group wherein the carbocyclic portion has 5 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion which is branched or unbranched has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, and which is unsubstituted or substituted in the carbocyclic portion one or more times by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, oxo, or combinations thereof, and the alkyl portion is optionally substituted by halogen, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, cyano or combinations thereof,

arylalkyl having 7 to 19 carbon atoms, wherein the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or substituted, in the aryl portion, one or more times by halogen, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, dialkylamino and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl, or

heteroarylalkyl group, wherein the heteroaryl portion may be partially or fully saturated and has 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the heteroarylalkyl group is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times in the heteroaryl portion by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, oxo, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, or combinations thereof and/or

substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl or combinations thereof;

R^4 is H,

cycloalkyl having 3 to 10, preferably 3 to 8 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, oxo, cyano, alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or combinations thereof,

aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, OCF_3, amino, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy, dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxamic acid, pyrrolyl, tetrazole-5-yl, 2(-heterocycle)tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, phenoxy, trialkylsilyloxy, R^5-L-, or combinations thereof, or

heteroaryl having 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a heteroatom, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy, dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, phenoxy, trialkylsilyloxy, R^5-L-, or combinations thereof;

R^5 is H,

alkyl having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times with halogen, C_{1-4}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, oxo, or combinations thereof,

alkylamino or dialkylamino wherein each alkyl portion has independently 1 to 8, preferably 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

a partially unsaturated carbocycle-alkyl group wherein the carbocyclic portion has 5 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted, preferably in the carbocyclic portion, one or more times by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, oxo, or combinations thereof,

cycloalkyl having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, oxo, cyano, alkoxy, alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or combinations thereof,

cycloalkylalkyl having 4 to 16 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted in the cycloalkyl portion and/or the alkyl portion one or more times by halogen, oxo, cyano, hydroxy, alkyl, alkoxy or combinations thereof,

aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy, dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxamic acid,

tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl,

arylalkyl having 7 to 19 carbon atoms, wherein the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or substituted, in the aryl portion, one or more times by halogen, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl,

a heterocyclic group, which is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, having 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy, dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, phenoxy, or combinations thereof, or

a heterocycle-alkyl group, wherein the heterocyclic portion is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, and has 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, and the alkyl portion which is branched or unbranched and has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the heterocycle-alkyl group is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times in the heterocyclic portion by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, oxo, amino, alkylamino,

dialkylamino, or combinations thereof and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl or combinations thereof;

L is a single bond or a divalent aliphatic radical having 1 to 8 carbon atoms wherein one or more $-CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -O-, -S-, $-NR^6-$, $-SO_2NH-$, $-NHSO_2-$, $-SO_2NR^6-$, $-NR^6SO_2-$, -CO-, $-NR^6CO-$, $-CONR^6-$, -NHCONH-, -OCONH, -NHCOO-, -SCONH-, -SCSNH-, or -NHCSNH-; and

R^6 is H,

alkyl having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times with halogen, C_{1-4}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, oxo, or combinations thereof;

arylalkyl having 7 to 19 carbon atoms, wherein the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or substituted, in the aryl portion, one or more times by halogen, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, dialkylamino and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl;

aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxamic acid,

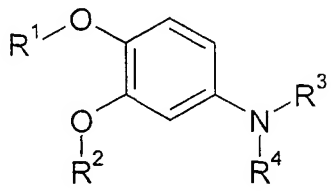
tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl,

wherein at least one of R^3 and R^4 is other than H; and

pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof,

with the proviso that R^4 is at least monosubstituted by R^5-L in which L is a single bond or a divalent aliphatic radical having 1 to 8 carbon atoms wherein at least one -CH_2- group is replaced by -NR^6-, -SO_2NR^6-, -NR^6SO_2-, -NR^6CO-, or -$CONR^6$- and R^6 is aryl or arylalkyl which in each case is substituted or unsubstituted.

5. A compound according to Formula I:



wherein

R^1 is H or alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen;

R^2 is alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, cyano, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, oxo or combinations thereof, and wherein optionally one or more -CH_2CH_2- groups is replaced in each case by -CH=CH- or -C≡C-,

cycloalkyl having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, oxo, cyano, alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or combinations thereof,

cycloalkylalkyl having 4 to 16 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted in the cycloalkyl portion and/or the alkyl portion one or more times by halogen, oxo, cyano, hydroxy, C_{1-4}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxy or combinations thereof,

aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, CF_3, OCF_3, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, cyano, or combinations thereof,

arylalkyl in which the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, which the arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or is substituted in the aryl portion one or more times by halogen, CF_3, OCF_3, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, or combinations thereof, and wherein in the alkyl portion one or more $-CH_2CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -CH=CH- or -C≡C-, and one or more $-CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -O- or -NH- and/or the alkyl portion is optionally substituted by halogen, oxo, hydroxy, cyano, or combinations thereof,

a partially unsaturated carbocyclic group having 5 to 14 carbon atoms,

which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, hydroxy, nitro, cyano, oxo, or combinations thereof,

a heterocyclic group, which is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, having 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, aryl, alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, nitro, oxo, or combinations thereof, or

a heterocycle-alkyl group, wherein the heterocyclic portion is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, and has 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, and the alkyl portion is branched or unbranched and has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the heterocycle-alkyl group is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times in the heterocyclic portion by halogen, OCF_3, hydroxy, aryl, alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, nitro, oxo, or combinations thereof, wherein in the alkyl portion one or more $-CH_2CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -CH=CH- or -C≡C-, and one or more $-CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -O- or -NH- and/or the alkyl portion is optionally substituted by halogen, oxo, hydroxy, cyano, or combinations thereof;

R^3 is H,

alkyl having 1 to 8, preferably 1 to 4 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times with halogen, cyano, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, or combinations thereof,

a partially unsaturated carbocycle-alkyl group wherein the carbocyclic portion has 5 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion which is branched or unbranched has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, and which is unsubstituted or substituted in the carbocyclic portion one or more times by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, oxo, or combinations thereof, and the alkyl portion is optionally substituted by halogen, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, cyano or combinations thereof,

arylalkyl having 7 to 19 carbon atoms, wherein the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or substituted, in the aryl portion, one or more times by halogen, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, dialkylamino and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl, or

heteroarylalkyl group, wherein the heteroaryl portion may be partially or fully saturated and has 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the heteroarylalkyl group is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times in the heteroaryl portion by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, oxo, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, or combinations thereof and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl or combinations thereof;

R^4 is

aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, OCF_3, amino, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy, dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl (eg., hydroxymethyl), hydroxamic acid, pyrrolyl, tetrazole-5-yl, 2(-heterocycle)tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, phenoxy, trialkylsilyloxy, R^5-L-, or combinations thereof, or

heteroaryl having 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a heteroatom, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy, dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, phenoxy, trialkylsilyloxy, R^5-L-, or combinations thereof;

R^5 is H,

alkyl having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times with halogen, C_{1-4}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, oxo, or combinations thereof,

alkylamino or dialkylamino wherein each alkyl portion has independently 1 to 8 carbon atoms,

a partially unsaturated carbocycle-alkyl group wherein the carbocyclic portion has 5 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted, preferably in the carbocyclic portion, one or more times by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, oxo, or combinations thereof,

cycloalkyl having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, oxo, cyano, alkoxy, alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or combinations thereof,

cycloalkylalkyl having 4 to 16 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted in the cycloalkyl portion and/or the alkyl portion one or more times by halogen, oxo, cyano, hydroxy, alkyl, alkoxy or combinations thereof,

aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy, dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, cycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl,

arylalkyl having 7 to 19 carbon atoms, wherein the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or substituted, in the aryl portion, one or more times by halogen, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, amino,

alkylamino, dialkylamino and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl,

a heterocyclic group, which is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, having 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy, dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, phenoxy, cycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl, or combinations thereof, or

a heterocycle-alkyl group, wherein the heterocyclic portion is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, and has 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, and the alkyl portion which is branched or unbranched and has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the heterocycle-alkyl group is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times in the heterocyclic portion by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, oxo, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, or combinations thereof and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl or combinations thereof;

L is a single bond or a divalent aliphatic radical having 1 to 8 carbon atoms wherein one or more $-CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^6-$, $-SO_2NH-$, $-NHSO_2-$, $-SO_2NR^6-$, $-NR^6SO_2-$, -CO-, $-NR^6CO-$, $-CONR^6-$, -NHCONH-, -OCONH, -NHCOO-, -SCONH-, -SCSNH-, or -NHCSNH-; and

R^6 is H,

alkyl having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times with halogen, C_1-$_4$-alkyl, C_1-$_4$-alkoxy, oxo, or combinations thereof;

arylalkyl having 7 to 19 carbon atoms, wherein the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or substituted, in the aryl portion, one or more times by halogen, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, dialkylamino and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl;

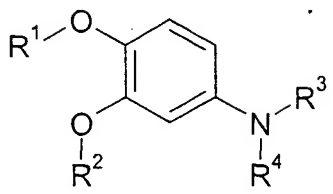
aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl,

wherein at least one of R^3 and R^4 is other than H; and

pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof

with the proviso that R^4 is at least monosubstituted by R^5-L in which R^5 is aryl or a heterocyclic group each being substituted by cycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl.

6. A compound according to Formula I:



wherein

R^1 is H or alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen;

R^2 is alkyl having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, cyano, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, oxo or combinations thereof, and wherein optionally one or more $-CH_2CH_2-$ groups is replaced in each case by -CH=CH- or -C≡C-,

cycloalkyl having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, oxo, cyano, alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, alkoxy having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or combinations thereof,

cycloalkylalkyl having 4 to 16 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted in the cycloalkyl portion and/or the alkyl portion one or more times by halogen, oxo, cyano, hydroxy, C_{1-4}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxy or combinations thereof,

aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, CF_3, OCF_3, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, cyano, or combinations thereof,

arylalkyl in which the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, which the arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or is substituted in the aryl portion one or more times by halogen, CF_3, OCF_3, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, or combinations thereof, and wherein in the alkyl portion one or more $-CH_2CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -CH=CH- or -C≡C-, and one or more $-CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -O- or -NH- and/or the alkyl portion is optionally substituted by halogen, oxo, hydroxy, cyano, or combinations thereof,

a partially unsaturated carbocyclic group having 5 to 14 carbon atoms,

which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, hydroxy, nitro, cyano, oxo, or combinations thereof,

a heterocyclic group, which is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, having 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, aryl, alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, nitro, oxo, or combinations thereof, or

a heterocycle-alkyl group, wherein the heterocyclic portion is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, and has 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, and the alkyl portion is branched or unbranched and has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the heterocycle-alkyl group is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times in the heterocyclic portion by halogen, OCF_3, hydroxy, aryl, alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, nitro, oxo, or combinations thereof, wherein in the alkyl portion one or more $-CH_2CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -CH=CH- or -C≡C-, and one or more $-CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -O- or -NH- and/or the alkyl portion is optionally substituted by halogen, oxo, hydroxy, cyano, or combinations thereof;

R^3 is H,

alkyl having 1 to 8, preferably 1 to 4 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times with halogen, cyano, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, or combinations thereof,

a partially unsaturated carbocycle-alkyl group wherein the carbocyclic portion has 5 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion which is branched or unbranched has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, and which is unsubstituted or substituted in the carbocyclic portion one or more times by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, oxo, or combinations thereof, and the alkyl portion is optionally substituted by halogen, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, cyano or combinations thereof,

arylalkyl having 7 to 19 carbon atoms, wherein the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or substituted, in the aryl portion, one or more times by halogen, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, dialkylamino and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl, or

heteroarylalkyl group, wherein the heteroaryl portion may be partially or fully saturated and has 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the heteroarylalkyl group is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times in the heteroaryl portion by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, oxo, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, or combinations thereof and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl or combinations thereof;

R^4 is

aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, OCF_3, amino, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy, dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl (eg., hydroxymethyl), hydroxamic acid, pyrrolyl, tetrazole-5-yl, 2(-heterocycle)tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, phenoxy, trialkylsilyloxy, R^5-L-, or combinations thereof, or

heteroaryl having 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a heteroatom, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy, dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, phenoxy, trialkylsilyloxy, R^5-L-, or combinations thereof;

R^5 is H,

alkyl having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times with halogen, C_{1-4}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, oxo, or combinations thereof,

alkylamino or dialkylamino wherein each alkyl portion has independently 1 to 8 carbon atoms,

a partially unsaturated carbocycle-alkyl group wherein the carbocyclic portion has 5 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted, preferably in the carbocyclic portion, one or more times by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, nitro, cyano, oxo, or combinations thereof,

cycloalkyl having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, hydroxy, oxo, cyano, alkoxy, alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, or combinations thereof,

cycloalkylalkyl having 4 to 16 carbon atoms, which is unsubstituted or substituted in the cycloalkyl portion and/or the alkyl portion one or more times by halogen, oxo, cyano, hydroxy, alkyl, alkoxy or combinations thereof,

aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy, dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, cycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl,

arylalkyl having 7 to 19 carbon atoms, wherein the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or substituted, in the aryl portion, one or more times by halogen, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl,

a heterocyclic group, which is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, having 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy, dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl,

alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, phenoxy, cycloalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl, or combinations thereof, or

a heterocycle-alkyl group, wherein the heterocyclic portion is saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated, and has 5 to 10 ring atoms in which at least 1 ring atom is a N, O or S atom, and the alkyl portion which is branched or unbranched and has 1 to 5 carbon atoms, the heterocycle-alkyl group is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times in the heterocyclic portion by halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, cyano, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, oxo, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, or combinations thereof and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl or combinations thereof;

L is a single bond or a divalent aliphatic radical having 1 to 8 carbon atoms wherein one or more $-CH_2-$ groups are each optionally replaced by -O-, -S-, -SO-, $-SO_2-$, $-NR^6-$, $-SO_2NH-$, $-NHSO_2-$, $-SO_2NR^6-$, $-NR^6SO_2-$, -CO-, $-NR^6CO-$, $-CONR^6-$, -NHCONH-, -OCONH, -NHCOO-, -SCONH-, -SCSNH-, or -NHCSNH-; and

R^6 is H,

alkyl having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, which is branched or unbranched and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times with halogen, C_{1-4}-alkyl, C_{1-4}-alkoxy, oxo, or combinations thereof;

arylalkyl having 7 to 19 carbon atoms, wherein the aryl portion has 6 to 14 carbon atoms and the alkyl portion, which is branched or unbranched, has 1 to 5 carbon

atoms, arylalkyl radical is unsubstituted or substituted, in the aryl portion, one or more times by halogen, trifluoromethyl, CF_3O, nitro, amino, alkyl, alkoxy, alkylamino, dialkylamino and/or substituted in the alkyl portion by halogen, cyano, or methyl;

aryl having 6 to 14 carbon atoms and which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by halogen, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, alkoxyalkoxy, nitro, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, trifluoromethyl, amino, aminomethyl, aminoalkyl, aminoalkoxy dialkylamino, hydroxyalkyl, hydroxamic acid, tetrazole-5-yl, hydroxyalkoxy, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, acyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl,

wherein at least one of R^3 and R^4 is other than H; and

pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof

with the proviso that R^4 is at least monosubstituted by R^5-L in which L is a single bond or a divalent aliphatic radical having 1 to 8 carbon atoms wherein at least one $-CH_2-$ group is replaced by -SO- or $-SO_2-$.

7. A compound selected from:

3,4-Bisdifluoromethoxy-N-(3-carboxyphenyl)-N-(5-(2-chloropyridylmethyl))aniline,

3,4-Bisdifluoromethoxy-N-(3-carboxyphenyl)-N-(3-(2-chloropyridylmethyl))aniline,

3,4-Bisdifluoromethoxy-N-(3-carboxyphenyl)-N-(4-(3,5-dimethylisoxazolylmethyl))-aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-(3-aminocarbonylphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)aniline,

3,4-Bisdifluoromethoxy-N-(3-carboxyphenyl)-N-(5-(4-chloropyridylmethyl))aniline,

3,4-Bisdifluoromethoxy-N-(3-carboxy-4-chlorophenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)aniline,

3,4-Bisdifluoromethoxy-N-(4-(1-pyrrol-1-yl)phenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)aniline,

3,4-Bisdifluoromethoxy-N-(3-carboxyphenyl)-N-(5-(4-methoxypyridylmethyl))aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-phenyl-N-(3-(2-ethoxypyridylmethyl))aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-(3-methylaminocarbonylphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-(3-(2-hydroxyethyl)aminocarbonylphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-(4-carboxyphenyl)-N-(5-(4-chloropyridylmethyl))-aniline,

3,4-Bisdifluoromethoxy-N-(3-carboxyphenyl)-N-(4-(3,5-dichloropyridylmethyl))aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-cyclohexylaniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-hydroxy-N-(3-*tert*-butyloxycarbonylphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl))-aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-hydroxy-N-(3-carboxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl))aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-(3-*tert*-butyloxycarbonylphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl))-aniline,

4-Methoxy-3-(*R*)-tetrahydrofuryloxy-N-(3-carboxy-4-chlorophenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-(3-carboxyphenyl)-N-(4-(3-chloropyridylmethyl))-aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-phenyl-N-(4-(3-chloropyridylmethyl)aniline,

4-Methoxy-3-(*R*)-tetrahydrofuryloxy-N-(3-carboxyphenyl)-N-(4-pyridylmethyl)aniline,

4-Methoxy-3-(*R*)-tetrahydrofuryloxy-N-(3-pyridyl)-N-(4-pyridylmethyl)aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-(4-carboxyphenyl)-N-(4-pyridylmethyl)aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-(4-carboxy-3-chlorophenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-(4-carboxy-3-methylphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-(4-carboxy-3-fluorophenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-(3-carboxy-4-chlorophenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-(3-carboxy-4-fluorophenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-(3-carboxyphenyl)-N-(4-(3,5-dichloropyridylmethyl))-aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-(4-carboxyphenyl)-N-(4-(3,5-dichloropyridylmethyl))-aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-(4-carboxyphenyl)-N-(4-(3-chloropyridylmethyl))-aniline,

4-Methoxy-3-(*R*)-tetrahydrofuryloxy-N-(4-carboxyphenyl)-N-(4-(3,5-dichloropyridylmethyl))aniline,

4-Methoxy-3-(*R*)-tetrahydrofuryloxy-N-(3-carboxyphenyl)-N-(4-(3,5-dichloropyridylmethyl))aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-(3-carboxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-(3-carboxy-4-methylphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-(4-amino-3-carboxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-(3-carboxy-4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-(4-acetamido-3-carboxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)aniline,

3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxy-N-(4-(N,N-bis(2,4-dimethoxy)benzyl)-aminosulfonylphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)aniline,

Methyl N-(3-cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-aminobenzoate,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-bromoaniline ,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(N-piperidinylmethyl)aniline ,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(N-morpholinomethyl)aniline ,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(N,N-diethylamino)methyl)aniline ,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-methylthioaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-methylthioaniline ,

N-(3-(2-Hydroxy)cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-aminobenzoic acid ,

N-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-2-aminoisonicotinic acid ,

N-(3-Hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-aminobenzoic acid,

N-[3-(3-Hydroxy)cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl]-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-aminobenzoic acid,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-amino-2-chlorobenzoic acid,

N-(3,4-Bis-difluoromethoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-amino-6-methylbenzoic acid ,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid ,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(5-fluoro-3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid ,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(5-(1,3-dimethylpyrazolylmethyl)-3-aminobenzoic acid,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-5-triflluoromethyl-3-aminobenzoic acid ,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-6-triflluoromethyl-3-aminobenzoic acid ,

N-(4-Difluoromethoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid ,

N-(3-Cyclopentoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(5-fluoro-3-pyridylmethyl)-3-aminobenzoic acid ,

N-(3-Cyclopentoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(5-fluoro-3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid,

N-(4-Difluoromethoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-aminobenzoic acid ,

N-(3-Cyclobutyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-aminobenzoic acid ,

N-(3-Cyclohexyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-aminobenzoic acid ,

N-(3-Cycloheptyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-aminobenzoic acid ,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(4-pyranyloxy)phenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-aminobenzoic acid ,

N-(3-[2.2.2-Bicyclooctanyl]oxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-aminobenzoic acid ,

N-(3-Cyclopentoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(2,6-difluorobenzyl)-3-aminobenzoic acid ,

N-(3-Cyclopentoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(4-(3,5-dimethylisoxazolyl))-3-aminobenzoic acid ,

N-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-amino-5-fluorobenzoic acid ,

N-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-difluoromethoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-amino-5-fluorobenzoic acid ,

N-(3,4-Bis-difluoromethoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-amino-5-fluorobenzoic acid ,

N-(3-Cyclobutyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid,

N-(3-Cyclohexyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid ,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(2-(2-Pyridylethoxy))phenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid ,

N-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid ,

N-(3-Ethoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid ,

N-(3-Isopropoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid ,

N-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(2-(3-pyridylethyl))-3-aminobenzoic acid,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-chloro-4-(5-(2H)-tetrazolyl)aniline,

N-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-chloro-4-(5-(2H)-tetrazolyl)aniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(4-(3,5-dichloropyridyl)methyl)-4-(5-(2H)-tetrazolyl)aniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(4-morpholinyl)aniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(4-N-methyl-1-piperazinyl)aniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(1-piperazinyl)aniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(N,N-diethylamino)aniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-methanesulfonylaniline,

N-(4-methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-methylsulfonylaniline,

N-(3-Cyclopropylmethoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(5-chloro-3-pyridylmethyl)-3-aminobenzoic acid,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-fluorobenzyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid,

N-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-difluoromethoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-aminobenzoic acid,

N-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-aminobenzoic acid,

N-(3-Ethoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-aminobenzoic acid,

N-[4-Methoxy-3-(1-propyl)oxyphenyl]-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-aminobenzoic acid,

N-[4-Methoxy-3-(2-propyl)oxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-aminobenzoic acid,

N-(3-Cyclopropylethoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-aminobenzoic acid,

N-(3-Cyclobutylmethoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-aminobenzoic acid,

N-(4-Difluoromethoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-hydroxymethylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-hydroxymethylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(4-piperidinyl)sulfonylaniline,

N-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-methylsulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-(2-methylphenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-phenylsulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-phenylsulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-methylsulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(4-(3,5-dichloropyridylmethyl)-4-phenylsulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(4-(3,5-dichloropyridylmethyl)-4-methylsulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-ethylsulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(2-fluorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(4-methoxyphenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(3-chlorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Difluoromethoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-methylsulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Difluoromethoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-phenylsulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-phenylsulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(5-fluoro-3-pyridylmethyl)-3-(4-fluorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Difluoromethoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-methylsulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Difluoromethoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-phenylsulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Difluoromethoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(3-chlorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Difluoromethoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(2-fluorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Difluoromethoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(2,4-difluorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Difluoromethoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(3,4-difluorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Difluoromethoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Difluoromethoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(5-chloro-2-thienyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Difluoromethoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(3-thienyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(3,4-Bisdifluoromethoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(3,4-Bisdifluoromethoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(3-fluorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(3,4-Bisdifluoromethoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(3-chlorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Difluoromethoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(3-cyanophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Difluoromethoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Difluoromethoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(2-thienyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Difluoromethoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(3-fluorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(3-cyanophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(2,6-difluorobenzyl)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(3-fluorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(2,4-difluorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(3,4-difluorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(3-Cyclopropylmethoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(3-chlorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-fluorobenzyl)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(3-Cyclopropylmethoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(3-Cyclopropylmethoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(3-fluorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Difluoromethoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-ethylsulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-difluoromethoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(3-cyanophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-difluoromethoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-difluoromethoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(3-fluorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-difluoromethoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(3-chlorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(3-Ethoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(2,4-difluorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(3,4-Bisdifluoromethoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-methylsulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(3-Cyclopropylmethoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-ethylsulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(3-Ethoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(3-Ethoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(3-chlorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(3-Ethoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(3,4-difluorophenyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(3-Ethoxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(2-thienyl)sulfonylaminocarbonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-cyclopentylmethylcarbonylaminosulfonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(4-fluorophenyl)carbonylaminosulfonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(1-ethyl-5-methylpyrazol-4-yl)carbonylaminosulfonylaniline,

N-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonylaniline,

N-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-(4-morpholinyl)sulfonylaniline,

N-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonylaniline,

N-(3-Cyclopentyloxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(4-morpholinyl)sulfonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(4-morpholinyl)sulfonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-(4-morpholinyl)sulfonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(4-ethylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(4-cyclohexylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(3,5-dimethylpiperazin-1-yl)sulfonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(4-(2-pyridyl)piperazin-1-yl)sulfonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(4-(4-fluorophenyl)piperazin-1-yl)sulfonylaniline,

N-(4-Methoxy-3-(3R)-tetrahydrofuranyloxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-4-(2,5-dimethylpyrrol-1-yl)sulfonylaniline,

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof,

wherein compounds that are optically active can be in the form of their separate enantiomers or mixtures thereof, including racemic mixtures.

8. A method for enhancing cognition in a patient in whom such enhancement is desired comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

9. A method according to claim 8, wherein said compound is administered in an amount of 0.01-100 mg/kg of body weight/day.

10. A method according to claim 8, wherein said patient is a human.

11. A method of treating a patient suffering from cognition impairment or decline comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

12. A method according to claim 11, wherein said patient is a human.

13. A method according to claim 12, wherein said patient is suffering from memory impairment.

14. A method according to claim 11, wherein said compound is administered in an amount of 0.01-100 mg/kg of body weight/day.

15. A method according to claim 13, wherein said patient is suffering from memory impairment due to Alzheimer's disease, schizophrenia, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, Pick's disease, Creutzfeld-Jakob disease, depression, aging, head trauma, stroke, CNS hypoxia, cerebral senility, multiinfarct dementia, HIV or cardiovascular disease.

16. A method for treating a patient having a disease involving decreased cAMP levels comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

17. A method of inhibiting PDE4 enzyme activity in a patient comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

18. A method of treating a patient suffering from memory impairment due to a neurodegenerative disease comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

19. A method of treating a patient suffering from memory impairment due to an acute neurodegenerative disorder comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

20. A method of treating a patient suffering from an allergic or inflammatory disease comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

21. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

22. A composition according to claim 21, wherein said composition contains 0.1-50 mg of said compound.

23. A method for enhancing cognition in a patient in whom such enhancement is desired comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 2.

24. A method according to claim 23, wherein said compound is administered in an amount of 0.01-100 mg/kg of body weight/day.

25. A method according to claim 23, wherein said patient is a human.

26. A method of treating a patient suffering from cognition impairment or decline comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 2.

27. A method according to claim 26, wherein said patient is a human.

28. A method according to claim 27, wherein said patient is suffering from memory impairment.

29. A method according to claim 28, wherein said compound is administered in an amount of 0.01-100 mg/kg of body weight/day.

30. A method according to claim 28, wherein said patient is suffering from memory impairment due to Alzheimer's disease, schizophrenia, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, Pick's disease, Creutzfeld-Jakob disease, depression, aging, head trauma, stroke, CNS hypoxia, cerebral senility, multiinfarct dementia, HIV or cardiovascular disease.

31. A method for treating a patient having a disease involving decreased cAMP levels comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 2.

32. A method of inhibiting PDE4 enzyme activity in a patient comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 2.

33. A method of treating a patient suffering from memory impairment due to a neurodegenerative disease comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 2.

34. A method of treating a patient suffering from memory impairment due to an acute neurodegenerative disorder comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 2.

35. A method of treating a patient suffering from an allergic or inflammatory disease comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 2.

36. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 2 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

37. A composition according to claim 36, wherein said composition contains 0.1-50 mg of said compound.

38. A method for enhancing cognition in a patient in whom such enhancement is desired comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 3.

39. A method according to claim 38, wherein said compound is administered in an amount of 0.01-100 mg/kg of body weight/day.

40. A method according to claim 38, wherein said patient is a human.

41. A method of treating a patient suffering from cognition impairment or decline comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 3.

42. A method according to claim 41, wherein said patient is a human.

43. A method according to claim 42, wherein said patient is suffering from memory impairment.

44. A method according to claim 41, wherein said compound is administered in an amount of 0.01-100 mg/kg of body weight/day.

45. A method according to claim 43, wherein said patient is suffering from memory impairment due to Alzheimer's disease, schizophrenia, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, Pick's disease, Creutzfeld-Jakob disease, depression, aging, head trauma, stroke, CNS hypoxia, cerebral senility, multiinfarct dementia, HIV or cardiovascular disease.

46. A method for treating a patient having a disease involving decreased cAMP levels comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 3.

47. A method of inhibiting PDE4 enzyme activity in a patient comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 3.

48. A method of treating a patient suffering from memory impairment due to a neurodegenerative disease comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 3.

49. A method of treating a patient suffering from memory impairment due to an acute neurodegenerative disorder comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 3.

50. A method of treating a patient suffering from an allergic or inflammatory disease comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 3.

51. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 3 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

52. A composition according to claim 51, wherein said composition contains 0.1-50 mg of said compound.

53. A method for enhancing cognition in a patient in whom such enhancement is desired comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 4.

54. A method according to claim 53, wherein said compound is administered in an amount of 0.01-100 mg/kg of body weight/day.

55. A method according to claim 53, wherein said patient is a human.

56. A method of treating a patient suffering from cognition impairment or decline comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 4.

57. A method according to claim 56, wherein said patient is a human.

58. A method according to claim 57, wherein said patient is suffering from memory impairment.

59. A method according to claim 56, wherein said compound is administered in an amount of 0.01-100 mg/kg of body weight/day.

60. A method according to claim 58, wherein said patient is suffering from memory impairment due to Alzheimer's disease, schizophrenia, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, Pick's disease, Creutzfeld-Jakob disease, depression, aging, head trauma, stroke, CNS hypoxia, cerebral senility, multiinfarct dementia, HIV or cardiovascular disease.

61. A method for treating a patient having a disease involving decreased cAMP levels comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 4.

62. A method of inhibiting PDE4 enzyme activity in a patient comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 4.

63. A method of treating a patient suffering from memory impairment due to a neurodegenerative disease comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 4.

64. A method of treating a patient suffering from memory impairment due to an acute neurodegenerative disorder comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 4.

65. A method of treating a patient suffering from an allergic or inflammatory disease comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 4.

66. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 4 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

67. A composition according to claim 66, wherein said composition contains 0.1-50 mg of said compound.

68. A method for enhancing cognition in a patient in whom such enhancement is desired comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 5.

69. A method according to claim 68, wherein said compound is administered in an amount of 0.01-100 mg/kg of body weight/day.

70. A method according to claim 68, wherein said patient is a human.

71. A method of treating a patient suffering from cognition impairment or decline comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 5.

72. A method according to claim 71, wherein said patient is a human.

73. A method according to claim 72, wherein said patient is suffering from memory impairment.

74. A method according to claim 71, wherein said compound is administered in an amount of 0.01-100 mg/kg of body weight/day.

75. A method according to claim 73, wherein said patient is suffering from memory impairment due to Alzheimer's disease, schizophrenia, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, Pick's disease, Creutzfeld-Jakob disease, depression, aging, head trauma, stroke, CNS hypoxia, cerebral senility, multiinfarct dementia, HIV or cardiovascular disease.

76. A method for treating a patient having a disease involving decreased cAMP levels comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 5.

77. A method of inhibiting PDE4 enzyme activity in a patient comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 5.

78. A method of treating a patient suffering from memory impairment due to a neurodegenerative disease comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 5.

79. A method of treating a patient suffering from memory impairment due to an acute neurodegenerative disorder comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 5.

80. A method of treating a patient suffering from an allergic or inflammatory disease comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 5.

81. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 5 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

82. A composition according to claim 81, wherein said composition contains 0.1-50 mg of said compound.

83. A method for enhancing cognition in a patient in whom such enhancement is desired comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 6.

84. A method according to claim 83, wherein said compound is administered in an amount of 0.01-100 mg/kg of body weight/day.

85. A method according to claim 83, wherein said patient is a human.

86. A method of treating a patient suffering from cognition impairment or decline comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 6.

87. A method according to claim 86, wherein said patient is a human.

88. A method according to claim 87, wherein said patient is suffering from memory impairment.

89. A method according to claim 86, wherein said compound is administered in an amount of 0.01-100 mg/kg of body weight/day.

90. A method according to claim 89, wherein said patient is suffering from memory impairment due to Alzheimer's disease, schizophrenia, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, Pick's disease, Creutzfeld-Jakob disease, depression, aging, head trauma, stroke, CNS hypoxia, cerebral senility, multiinfarct dementia, HIV or cardiovascular disease.

91. A method for treating a patient having a disease involving decreased cAMP levels comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 6.

92. A method of inhibiting PDE4 enzyme activity in a patient comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 6.

93. A method of treating a patient suffering from memory impairment due to a neurodegenerative disease comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 6.

94. A method of treating a patient suffering from memory impairment due to an acute neurodegenerative disorder comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 6.

95. A method of treating a patient suffering from an allergic or inflammatory disease comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 6.

96. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 6 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

97. A composition according to claim 96, wherein said composition contains 0.1-50 mg of said compound.

98. A method for enhancing cognition in a patient in whom such enhancement is desired comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 7.

99. A method according to claim 98, wherein said compound is administered in an amount of 0.01-100 mg/kg of body weight/day.

100. A method according to claim 98, wherein said patient is a human.

101. A method of treating a patient suffering from cognition impairment or decline comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 7.

102. A method according to claim 101, wherein said patient is a human.

103. A method according to claim 102, wherein said patient is suffering from memory impairment.

104. A method according to claim 101, wherein said compound is administered in an amount of 0.01-100 mg/kg of body weight/day.

105. A method according to claim 103, wherein said patient is suffering from memory impairment due to Alzheimer's disease, schizophrenia, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, Pick's disease, Creutzfeld-Jakob disease, depression, aging, head trauma, stroke, CNS hypoxia, cerebral senility, multiinfarct dementia, HIV or cardiovascular disease.

106. A method for treating a patient having a disease involving decreased cAMP levels comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 7.

107. A method of inhibiting PDE4 enzyme activity in a patient comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 7.

108. A method of treating a patient suffering from memory impairment due to a neurodegenerative disease comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 7.

109. A method of treating a patient suffering from memory impairment due to an acute neurodegenerative disorder comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 7.

110. A method of treating a patient suffering from an allergic or inflammatory disease comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 7.

111. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 7 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

112. A composition according to claim 111, wherein said composition contains 0.1-50 mg of said compound.

113. An intermediate compound which is N-(3-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(3-pyridylmethyl)-3-aminobenzoic acid.